

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce for the Miami-Dade Public Library System



Service Needs Working Group

Welcome to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force for the Miami-Dade Public Library System!

Your active participation in the Blue Ribbon Working Groups is critical to the success of this process. In your Working Group, you will analyze, participate in discussions and bring your own and your organizations' perspective as well as provide recommendations.

The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force is tasked to recommend how Miami-Dade County can move toward a fiscally sustainable library system that meets the current and future needs of our County in an innovative, but pragmatic fashion. All content related to this process will be posted and regularly updated on the Mayor's webpage (www.miamidade.gov) and the Miami-Dade Public Library System webpage (www.mdpls.org).

Working Group members will work closely in researching best practices and identifying options with a rationale linked to fiscally responsible considerations of our community's needs. Guiding questions will frame each group's discussions and recommendations.

Guiding Questions:

- What services do we currently provide in our libraries that must continue over the next 5 years? 10 years? What services will need to be phased out, modified, enhanced, or introduced over the next 5 years? 10 years?
 - o To provide recommendations for this working group, members will need to consider the diverse needs of the County, ways in which those needs are currently being met, ways in which these needs could be improved, and ways in which current and/or new partnerships with the MDPLS can expand or emerge to meet these needs. Working Group members will work on defining what the MDPLS's current role is in providing access to services to the community and if it needs to evolve. If so, how? Service areas that should be assessed and considered in recommendations include literacy programs, life-learning programs, community engagement activities, workforce development and employment resources, entrepreneurship support and programs supporting economic development. The group will also need to reflect on meeting the needs of the diverse neighborhoods that make up Miami-Dade County. All final options will need to be presented along with a fiscal analysis.